



# Madame Bovary

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## While reading

### Chapters 1–3

#### 1 Who or what ...

- a always had a good word for his pupil?
- b was an angry disappointed man?
- c loved to hang on to the big rope and feel himself carried up as it rose in the air?
- d left town with all his clients' money?
- e was ugly and bad tempered?
- f was herself too tall, and did not have the kind of soft figure Charles liked?
- g lied about money?

#### 2 Put these in the right order. Write the numbers 1–7.

- a By the age of twenty, Charles married a widow.
- b Heloise Bovary became very jealous of Emma Rouault.
- c Charles and Emma moved to Tostes.
- d The Bovarys' wedding was a grand affair and the party took several days.
- e A year after Heloise's death, Emma and Charles got married.
- f Charles met Emma Rouault when he visited her father, who had broken a leg.
- g Charles made his mother very happy when he became a doctor.

#### 3 Underline the mistakes in the sentences and correct them.

- a When the first Madame Bovary had a child, she got depressed.
- b When Charles turned twelve, he started studying in a local school.
- c When Charles was thirteen, he went to his aunt's house.
- d Charles believes that his college lectures were easy.
- e Charles was a successful student from the start.

### Chapters 4–6

#### 4 Write a sentence from the novel that proves each of these sentences is false.

- a Emma thought that romantic novels were unrealistic.
- b Before marrying Charles, Emma had never thought she was in love.
- c After her mother died, Emma wanted to get a job and meet people.

- d The Chateau La Vaubyessard belonged to a middle-class politician.
- e The cherries that grew at La Vaubyessard were better than the cherries from Tostes.
- f Emma was angry with the maid because she hid the cigar case.
- g Emma danced with a Viscount who wore a loose evening dress.

#### 5 Match A and B.

##### A

- a When Emma went up to see her new bedroom in the house of Tostes, ...
- b Charles had been lonely and sad when he studied at Rouend but, ...
- c After Emma and Charles returned to Tostes from the Chateau La Vaubyessard, ...
- d Charles was a very successful doctor in Tostes, ...
- e Emma wished, ...

##### B

- 1 ... she found the dried wedding flowers of Heloise.
- 2 ... she didn't die young.
- 3 ... now that he was married he seemed to be a happy man.
- 4 ... Emma decided to re-decorate her house.
- 5 ... because he gave simple medicines to the patients and was never afraid of surgery.

#### 6 Put these in the right order. Write the numbers 1–5.

- a Emma was pregnant.
- b Charles took Emma to Rouen to see another doctor because she was unwell.
- c Emma burnt her wedding flowers.
- d Charles inquired about the possibility of a job in Yonville-l'Abbaye.
- e Emma taught her maid to hand a glass of water held in a white cloth and to dress her mistress.

### Chapters 7–9

#### 7 Who says these things, who are they talking to, and what are they talking about?

- a 'Come in. Your little one is in there asleep.'
- b 'What a fool I am to imagine I could make her care for me.'
- c 'She's a wonderful woman.'
- d 'Why don't you tell the doctor about it?'
- e 'Look! You'd think it was a little fountain.'



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f 'Look, young girls in love use these to see if they are loved.'

**8 Match A and B.**

**A**

- a When the clerk looked up, he saw Emma ...
- b Charles was not a happy man because ...
- c Monsieur Homais had broken the law which forbade ...
- d As Charles felt that Emma was not strong enough to feed the baby, ...
- e Madame Homais came to ...
- f Léon was torn between fear of hurting her ...

**B**

- 1 and shame at his own lack of courage.
- 2 congratulate Emma on the birth of her baby.
- 3 the practice of medicine by all unqualified persons.
- 4 the little girl was sent to a wet nurse.
- 5 patients did not come.
- 6 in her dressing gown.

**Chapters 10–12**

**9 Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

- a He looked at her again, but with such a look of love that she lowered her eyes with a ...
- b With a deep ... she threw back her head, giving her white neck to his kisses.
- c Rodolphe was becoming bored with Emma's ... emotions.
- d 'There you are,' said she, putting the four hundred ... in his hand.
- e What scared Charles most was Emma's ... condition.
- f She had attacks of ..., which Charles thought might be the early signs of cancer.
- g At the opera Emma became more and more involved in the story of the ... heroine.
- h When Léon saw that there was a chance Emma might be able to stay, he began to ... the singer.

**10 Are these true (T) or false (F)?**

- a Emma suggests to Rodolphe that they should go horse riding together.
- b Emma and Rodolphe wrote to each other every night.
- c Charles knew that Emma was buying presents for Rodolphe.
- d Rodolphe wanted Emma to go away with him.

- e When Rodolphe deserted her, Emma's first thought was to kill herself.
- f Charles and Emma went to the opera in Paris.
- g Charles was not impressed by the leading male singer in the opera.
- h After meeting Léon at the cathedral, Emma went back to her hotel.

**Chapters 13–16**

**11 Write the speaker's name in the gaps. Then for each sentence, write below who is meant by the word in *italic* type.**

- a ..... says: 'Madame, *you* must go at once to Monsieur Homais.'
- b ..... says: 'Goodbye! Goodbye! When shall I see *you* again.'
- c ..... says: '*You're* making a mistake. You should never let a natural gift lie unused.'
- d ..... says: 'But if *you* haven't got cash, you've got property.'
- e ..... says: 'That's none of *your* business. Leave me alone!'
- a .....
- b .....
- c .....
- d .....
- e .....

**12 Match the names with the descriptions.**

- a Monsieur Guilloumin.
- b Monsieur Lheureux.
- c Monsieur Vinçart.
- d Maître Hareng.
- e Madame Lefrancois.
- 1 a money lender
- 2 the bailiff at Buchy
- 3 draper
- 4 a lawyer at Yonville
- 5 the landlady of the inn Lion d'Or

**After reading**

**13 Imagine you are Charles Bovary at the end of the story. Write about your marriage in your diary.**

**14 Many people suffer the same feelings of boredom with their life as Emma Bovary. Write an article for a magazine about the possibilities of finding happiness by changing the external circumstances of one's life.**



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## Chapters 1–3

1 There are mistakes in these sentences. Write the correct information.

- a The priest who taught lessons to Charles before he was sent to Rouen said that Charles was a bad student.
- b Charles started practising medicine in Rouen when the local doctor hired him.
- c Monsieur Rouault was a married man and had two children.
- d Charles stopped going to Les Bertaux because he had a lot of work in Tostes.
- e The first Madame Bovary lost her fortune because her husband had spent all her money.

## Chapters 4–6

2 Write true (T) or false (F).

- a Emma believed that her new life was much better than that in the novels that she had read.
- b Emma felt very disappointed when she did not receive another invitation from the Marquis d'Andervilliers.
- c Emma hated Tostes so much that she got depressed and fell ill but Charles convinced her to stay.

3 Choose the right ending for each sentence.

- a When Emma was emptying drawers and packing to move to Yonville she found ...
  - 1 her wedding flowers.
  - 2 the Viscount's cigar-case.
- b When the Bovarys finally left Tostes for Yonville, Madame Bovary ...
  - 1 was seriously ill.
  - 2 was pregnant.
- c Monsieur Homais was Yonville's ...
  - 1 local doctor.
  - 2 local pharmacist.
- d Leon Dupuis had dinner with the Bovarys at the local inn and ...
  - 1 he talked all night long with Charles.
  - 2 he found that he and Emma had a lot in common.
- e Emma and Leon had talked for so long that ...
  - 1 Madame Lefrancois had fallen asleep.
  - 2 Charles got jealous.

## Chapters 7–9

4 Write true (T) or false (F).

- a After Léon left, Emma felt proud of rejecting him.

- b Even though Emma started buying a lot of things from Monsieur Lheureux, she did not become happy because she missed Léon a lot.
- c When Rodolphe Boulanger met Emma he immediately fell in love with her.
- d The Café de France was about to close because Monsieur Lheureux had lent the owners more money than they could pay back.
- e Rodolphe told Emma that he always respected the rules of society.
- f When Rodolphe took Emma's hand she rejected him.

## Chapters 10–12

5 Choose the right words.

- a After spending time with Emma at the Town Hall and holding her hand Rodolphe thought that contacting her soon would be *a mistake / very convenient*.
- b When Rodolphe finally visited Emma, he told her that he *was leaving town / loved her*.
- c When Emma and Rodolphe went horse riding, *they began a love affair / she fell ill*.
- d Emma was determined to run away with Rodolphe *and he was very excited as well / but he decided not to*.
- e When Emma read Rodolphe's letter she, *thought of killing herself / was angry with him*.
- f When Emma fell ill, Monsieur Lheureux *took advantage of the situation / felt very sad*.
- g When the Bovarys went to the opera, Emma *was glad to meet Léon / couldn't stop thinking of Rodolphe*.

## Chapters 13–16

6 Put these in the right order. Write the numbers 1–6.

- a Emma wanted to spend more time with Léon but he was more interested in his job and his career than in her.
- b Emma is so desperate about her finances that she goes back to Rodolphe and begs for money.
- c Feeling hopeless and betrayed, Emma ends up poisoning herself.
- d After Emma's death, Charles is left in poverty.
- e Emma asks several bankers for help but they all refuse.
- f Monsieur Lheureux made Emma sign several documents so that she could pay for her debts in the future.